Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Letter No. 1640, dated the 12th August 1912, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding a copy of letter No. 126, dated the 25th July 1912, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, reporting on the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition and Cattle Show held at Channagiri in February 1912 in connection with the car festival of Sri Ranganathaswami at that place.

Letter No. 126, dated 25th July 1912, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to the Officiating Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition together with the Cattle Show held at Channagiri in February 1912 in connection with the Sri Ranganatha car festival there. The Exhibition was sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings No. 4239-41—L. B. 175-11, dated 16th January 1912.

Constitution of the Committee.

2. Mr. Sahukar Adavappa was elected the President, and Messrs. Tulahalli Veerappa and Nagappa Sastri, School Master, Channagiri, Secretary and Joint Secretary, respectively, of the Committee formed for the purpose of managing the Exhibition. The Amildar helped the Committee in the management of work by his active co-operation and suggestion.

3. The undermentioned gentlemen were selected as members :—

1. Mr. Vibuthi Nanjundappa.
2. ,, Khaji Ummar Sahib.
3. ,, Kharidi Ananthappa.
4. ,, Areara Mallarappa.
5. ,, Shanbhog Venkata Dasappa.
6. ,, Ubrani Nadig Appajappa.
7. ,, Tavarekere Sanna Veerappa.
8. ,, Nallur Sahukar Halappa.
9. ,, Shanbhog Basappa.
10. ,, Nallur Virupakshappa.
11. ,, Santebennur Nadig Bhima Rao.
12. ,, Kondadahalli Nadig Bhimanna.
13. ,, Karebelachi Patel Khalandarkhan.
14. ,, Santebennur Desapande Raja Rao.
15. ,, Nalkudre Patel Basappa.
16. Mr. Santebennur Kudur Adavappa.
17. ,, Kodagikere Patel Rangappa.
18. ,, Kamsagar Kadappa.
19. ,, Devarahalli Nadig Narasappa.
20. ,, Hodigere Nadig Timmappa.
21. ,, Santebennur Matada Murigappa.
22. ,, Do Lalkhan.
23. ,, Devarahalli Nadig Lakshmappa.
24. ,, Sulekere K. Shama Iyengar.
25. ,, Channagiri Nadig Balabasappa.
26. ,, Bannihatti Patel Basappa.
27. ,, Santebennur Nadig Appaji Rao.
28. ,, Lingadahalli Iswarappa.
29. ,, Attigatte Lingappa.
30. ,, Ramsagar Patel Virappa.
31. ,, Marasada Nanjundappa.
32. ,, Channagiri Subbannachar.

Prospectus.

4. The prospectus of the previous year was carefully revised by the Amildar effecting a clearer and more detailed classification and adding several classes. The total number of prizes was fixed to be 146 of the aggregate value of Rs. 296 and of these 2 were gold and 8 silver medals, the rest being money prizes. The prospectus was approved by the Exhibition Committee in its meeting held on 30th October 1911 and was published both in English and Kanarese.

Exhibition buildings and grounds.

5. The Exhibition was held on the hill of Sri Ranganathaswamy temple. The buildings had been specially constructed for the purpose and designated "Ananda Vilas." The previous year, the Exhibition had been held in a single room (28′ by 20′). As this year's Exhibition was to be on a much larger scale, another building measuring 46′ by 20′ consisting of two rooms was constructed.

6. A spacious pendal put up in front of the buildings was used as a lecture hall. In the large room had been staged the Industrial exhibits and in the small one Agricultural exhibits.

7. Separate space was set apart for the Horticultural Show.

8. A plot of ground measuring 115′ by 55′ adjoining the Exhibition building was got ready for demonstration purposes close to the town on the Chitaldrug-Channagiri road.

9. An eastern gate, styled "Coronation gate" in commemoration of the Imperial Durbar of Their Majesties, King George V and Queen Mary, and another gate on the northern side and the parapet wall along the ramparts were constructed this year. Outside the northern gate a plot of ground measuring 150′ by 62′ which was quite overgrown with rank vegetation was completely cleared and made use of by a theatrical troupe for their performances.

10. One of the two rest-houses on the hill was used as the Exhibition office and the other was reserved for visitors.

Lighting.

11. Proper arrangements were made for lighting six Kitson lamps having been brought from Bangalore at a cost of about Rs. 80.

Receipts of the exhibits.

12. The work of receiving and registering the exhibits was done by the Secretary and the Joint Secretary and the staging of the exhibits in the Exhibition rooms was supervised by Mr. M. G. Rama Rao, B.A., District Forest Officer, Shimoga, who was specially deputed for the purpose. The number of exhibits was much greater than in the previous year.

Arranging the exhibits.

13. The Agricultural Inspector deputed by the Agricultural Department helped in staging the exhibits of the Agricultural Section. Practical demonstration in jaggory making was held with a jaggory boiling machine sent with the Inspector.

14. Mr. N. Narasimha Iyengar, Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department helped in the arrangements for the cattle show.

An official hand-book.

15. An official hand-book enumerating all the exhibits was prepared at the Exhibition. The detailed list of all the exhibits is appended.

Opening of the exhibition.

16. The Exhibition was opened by me on the morning of the 2nd February 1912. Below are noted the details of the programme of the work in connection with the Exhibition :—

Date	Lectures	Miscellaneous
2nd February 1912, Friday.	(1) Morning 8 to 10 A.M., lecture on the use of Co-operative Societies in the State by Mr. M. A. Narayana Iyengar, B.A., B.L.	Exhibition opened at 10 A.M.
	(2) Sanitation. Mr. Ramachandra Iyer, Assistant Surgeon.	Exhibition opened to the public at 5 P.M.
	(3) Cattle disease. Mr. N. Narasimha Iyengar, Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Departments.	Horticultural Show.
3rd ,, ...	8 to 10 A.M., Do lectures ...	3 to 7 P.M., Exhibition opened to the public cattle show at 5 P.M.
4th ,, ...	Do ...	Exhibition opened to the public 3 to 7 P.M.
5th ,, ...	8 to 10 A.M. Prize distribution ...	.....

N. B.—Exhibition was kept open till the 7th to afford scope to all the raiyats in the neighbourhood to witness the show.

Exhibits.

17. Exhibits were received from all the taluks of the district and also from the Hosdurga, Chitaldrug and Tarikere Taluks and the Harihar Sub-Taluk. The Supervisor of the Sloyd class at Bangalore sent certain exhibits and the Agricultural and Sericultural Inspectors also brought in exhibits relating to their departments.

18. The total number of exhibits received was 1,544, of which about 1,100 exhibits belonged to the Industrial Section and the rest to the Agricultural Section. The thanks of the Committee are due to all the officers who heartily co-operated in the collection of the exhibits and to Doctor Coleman for having arranged for the demonstration of improved agricultural machinery on the occasion.

Short description of the exhibits.

19. Black stone and pot stone vessels and cocoanut shell carving from the Tirthahalli Taluk, sandalwood and ivory carving from the Sorab Taluk, iron and steel work from the Shikarpur Taluk, embroidery and knitting work from the Shimoga and Channagiri Taluks, photographs and fancy goods from Mr. S. Rama Rao, photographer of Chitaldrug, and brasswork from the Channagiri Taluk were all exhibited in large numbers.

20. Mr. S. Subba Rao of Tarikere exhibited a hormonium manufactured by him and was awarded a silver medal. The exhibits of the Agricultural Section were almost all from the Channagiri Taluk. The total number of exhibitors was 123.

Demonstration.

21. Water-lifting and ploughing demonstrations were held on the morning of the 4th on the field to the south of the Cattle Show maidan. The raiyats took great in interest in the Exhibition and especially appreciated the advantages of improved machinery for jaggory making, winnowing and chaff-cutting. The water-lifting pump greatly interested the raiyats of these maidan taluks. The Sericultural Inspector explained in detail how mulberry has to be grown and how silk worms have to be reared in their different stages as also the different varieties of silk cocoons (wild and domesticated), the different kinds of silk, the manner in which the yarn is taken out from the silk waste, etc. Mr. K. Shama Iyengar of Sulekere exhibited silk yarn prepared by him. The Sericultural Inspector was asked to go to Sulekere to examine the mulberry grown and the silk worms reared. As a result of his inspection he stated that the soil and the climate of the Sulekere tract are very well adapted for mulberry growth.

Cattle Show.

22. The Cattle Show was held on the maidan lying to the west of the Haridravathi stream. The estimated number of cattle collected at the show was 5,000. The number of cattle sold and bartered was 2,006, the price varying from Rs. 100 to 450 a pair. 18 prizes amounting in all to Rs. 61 were awarded as noted below :—

		Rs.
1 Gold medal	...	18
1 Silver medal	...	6
16 Money prizes	...	37
Total	...	61

Horticultural Show.

23. This was held on a small scale in a separate room set apart for the purpose on the evening of the 2nd February 1912.

24. Vegetable and foliage plants were particularly good and the show was a great success. Mr. M. G. Rama Rao (District Forest Officer) was the Judge.

Lectures.

25. Lectures were delivered on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th February 1912, in the pandal erected in front of the two Exhibition rooms.

26. Arrangements had also been made to explain to the visitors as they passed by each class of exhibits the important features and the manner of cultivation, of the important agricultural exhibits. The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. M. G. Rama Rao and other gentlemen, who kindly undertook to judge the exhibits.

Volunteers.

27. The Head Masters of the Anglo-Vernacular School and the Hindustani School were good enough to send 20 and 5 boys, respectively, and these were put through a course of training in drill. Uniforms with suitable badges were supplied to all the boys by their parents and in the case care of one orphan boy, by the Committee itself. The services of these volunteers were utilized in keeping order on the hill during the Exhibition.

Sports.

28. Wresting matches were arranged on the 4th, 5th and 6th February 1912 and various prizes awarded to the winners. The expenditure on this account was Rs. 37-12-0 as detailed below :—

		Rs.	a.	p.
1 Gold bangle	...	14	8	0
2 Silver bangles	...	12	0	0
Money	...	3	0	0
Cloths	...	8	4	0
Total	...	37	12	0

29. Photos of best bulls were taken and are sent separately.

Distribution of prizes.

30. On the morning of the 5th February, I awarded prizes to the winners and thanked the Committee for their efforts to make the Exhibition a success. The list of prizes awarded at the show is herewith submitted.

Visitors.

31. The District Board meeting of the quarter was specially held at Channagiri on the 3rd February and this afforded an opportunity for the Amildars and the District Board members to be present at the Exhibition. About 20,000 people visited the Exhibition. A special day was set apart for the female visitors.

Police watch.

32. The Exhibition grounds were guarded by the Police.

Financial aspect of the Exhibition.

33. The receipts this year were as shown below:—

Rs.	a.	p.	
100	0	0	Contributed by the Municipal Board of Channagiri sanctioned in Government Proceedings No. 5450—Ml. 182-11-4, dated 7th February 1912.
200	0	0	Contributed by the District Board, sanctioned in Government Proceedings No. 5468-9—L. B. 175-11-7, dated 8th February 1912.
620	8	0	Private subscriptions.
43	6	3	By realization from the sale of unserviceable articles.
Total ... 963	14	3	

The expenditure incurred is as detailed below under several heads:—

Items of work	Amount			Remarks		
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Pendals	91	0	0			
Medals	108	0	0			
Gold and silver bangles and cloths	34	12	0			
Cash prizes	158	0	0			
Printing charges	15	0	0			
Lighting	77	0	0			
Expenses for providing accommodation for guests and exhibitors.	55	0	0			
Cost of fitting up the Exhibition rooms	69	3	8			
Watering roads	15	0	0			
Cost of making the river water available for cattle during the show.	28	0	0			
Clearing cattle show maidan	7	0	0			
Maintenance of water sheds	15	0	0			
Contingencies	15	0	0			
Special sanitary arrangements	62	0	0			
Volunteer corps charge	10	0	0			
Transmission charges of exhibits to and from the Railway Station.	24	0	0			
Reward to hard worked men	60	0	0			
Band and music	20	0	0	950	15	8

Note.—The amount thus saved will be credited to the Savings Bank account of the temple.

General remarks.

34. The unqualified success of the Exhibition was in a large measure due to the valuable suggestion and the active co-operation of the Committee members not to speak of the great educative value of demonstrations held by Sericultural and Agricultural Inspectors deputed by the Revenue Commissioner to help at the Exhibition.

No. 2707-9—L. B. 175-11-9, DATED BANGALORE, 30TH SEPTEMBER 1912.

ORDER THEREON.—This is the second annual Exhibition and Cattle Show held at Channagiri and it is satisfactory to note that it shows a decided improvement and advance over the previous year's show both as regards the attendance at the show and the articles exhibited. 5,000 cattle collected this year as against 3,000 in 1911 and 1,544 articles were exhibited against 300 in the last year. The Exhibition was open from the 2nd to the 7th February 1912, and attracted 20,000 visitors. Lectures on Co-operative Credit Societies, on sanitation and on cattle diseases were delivered during the show and agricultural demonstrations were also held.

2. While expressing their gratification at the success of the Show and the Exhibition, Government request the Deputy Commissioner to convey to the members of the Committee their appreciation of their services in connection with the event.

3. It is observed that though the show was held in the month of February, the report of the Deputy Commissioner was not received till July, and that the report has not been drawn up in the form prescribed by Government Order No. 7007-24—L. B. 189-09-3, dated the 22nd February 1911.

K. R. SRINIVASIENGAR,
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General and Revenue Departments.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The President, District Board, Shimoga.